



Twelfth Season
Owasippe Scout Camps
1923

Location of Camp

THE OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS are located on the shores of beautiful Crystal Lake, fourteen miles north of Muskegon, Michigan, and three and one-half miles east of Whitehall.

Within the Camp Preserve, there are three hundred acres belonging to the Chicago Council, and eighty acres leased from year to year. Besides this large acreage, there are a thousand acres more over which the boys can roam without encountering so much as a fence.

Scouts may, without leaving the grounds, find the tools,—Nature's own,—which are the background of the daily Scouting program. Crystal Lake, with its long, sloping white sand beaches, clean bottom, woodland skirted shores and rolling, well-drained grounds, is an ideal place for boys.

The camps are known as the OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS because it was in this vicinity that Chief Owasippe lived and died. The country side is full of traditions telling us that this old Chieftain was really a noble Red Man and a friend of the Whites. His grave is one of the favorite objectives of hikes.

The camp is reached by Goodrich boats leaving Chicago at 8:30 Monday mornings from the Boulevard Link Bridge and landing at Whitehall that afternoon, the boys reaching camp for supper. On the return trip, the boat leaves Whitehall the next Saturday morning a week, reaching Chicago in time for the boys to have supper in their homes that evening.

The Aim of Camp

THE main objectives of camp are character building and citizenship training. There are certain essential traits of character that camp life naturally develops. Boys come to realize here as nowhere else the duties incident to community life. They come back eager to do their part in the home, school and neighborhood. The camp is also for the purpose of training Scouts to really appreciate and love God's great out-of-doors. Each Scout will receive daily instruction in Scoutcraft in the Scout training camps, and will be expected to do his best to advance at least one rank in Scouting.

It is believed that parents will find in the OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS something better organized and far more purposeful and effective than they can obtain elsewhere for their boys irrespective of the money charged. Every year parents testify to the wonderful influence these camps have on their boys.

The Buildings

1922 saw the completion of two fine mess halls 31x71; this eliminated a lot of waste motion caused by Scouts having to walk almost a half mile for their meals. The saddle back hospital cabin will be completed before camp opens in July. The mess hall at Camp Dan Beard with its kitchens, storerooms, broad veranda, and location will accommodate three hundred boys comfortably. Merit Badge Lodge, the headquarters cabin of Camp McDonald, is a monument to the handi-craft of Scouts of the 1915-1916 season. Camp James E. West have the foundation well under way for their new headquarters which will take care of the directors and also serve as a museum and trading post this summer.



The Lure

Swimming Facilities

NO Scout is permitted in the water at any but regular scheduled times when Life Guards are on duty. Every Scout is taught to swim. The "buddy" system is used whereby excellent Scout swimmers teach one other Scout how to swim. The first thing on the program after the boys are settled in camp, is the passing of the swimming test. The boy who fails to swim 50 yards at that time is presented with the "sinker badge," this consisting of a SAFETY PIN, and PIECE OF RED FLANNEL and A FISH LINE SINKER which he wears until he can pass the prescribed test.

Those already proficient are given advance swimming, diving and life saving instruction.

Preservers, Life Boats, Life Guards, Lookouts, Buoys, etc., are used at all times. Every possible precaution is taken to keep up the record of the OWASIPPE CAMPS of no water accidents.



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Recreation

IN addition to the regular Scout program, every Scout will have an opportunity to indulge in the sports which all boys love—basketball, volley ball, baseball, etc. In addition to these, there will be the usual number of snipe, treasure and ghost hunts. There will be competitions between the three camps in swimming, and track meets will be held each period.

Nineteen rowboats, tested for buoyancy and capacity, constitute the water equipment of the camps. Only one "sinker" is allowed in a boat to four swimmers.

Crystal Lake is safe. It is small enough to be free from ravaging storms—large enough to afford ample swimming and boating facilities. The long, sloping beaches and clean sand, allow boys to swim under conditions unexcelled. Holders of American Red Cross certificates will be in charge of all swimming.

The Leadership

Chief Camp Director—

G. B. Stephenson, Scout Executive

Camp McDonald—Director

Jack Rohr, Field Scout Executive

South West District

John Wagner, Field Scout Executive

Stock Yards and Central Mfg. District

Camp James E. West—Director

C. A. Edson, Field Scout Executive

South Shore District

Camp Dan Beard—Director

Walter H. Gunn, Field Scout Executive

North Shore District

Camp Quartermaster—

Capt. Herman Mayhew

Most of these men have been associated with the OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS for years. The reputation and the popularity of the camps indicate their standing in Scouting and boy leadership.

Visitors

PARENTS and friends of Scouts are invited to visit the camps on Thursday afternoons and Sundays only. Sunday dinner and supper and Thursday supper will be served, the dinners at \$1.00 each and the suppers at 50 cents. Accommodations are not available for taking care of visitors overnight. No family camp will be operated other than for the permanent staff and Scout Leaders who bring their wives will have to arrange for their accommodation outside of camp.

Parents are urged not to send food or candy to the camp.



The above constitutes equipment for any length of time in camp and no other articles should be added. It is essential that baggage should consist of one large suitcase or telescope, blankets and certain pieces of clothing being rolled separately or carried by a shawl strap or similar means. The Scout's baggage is carried for him to and from the docks and camp.

To save loss, all articles of clothing must be plainly marked in indelible ink with Scout's full name, and a list of contents must be pasted inside each suitcase.

Hospital

EACH camper upon arrival undergoes a physical examination. The Camp Hospital will be in charge of a qualified medical doctor passed on by the proper officials of the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross. In addition to the regular M. D., qualified instructors in "first aid," personal and public health and life saving will be on duty at each of the camps.

The Food

CAPTAIN HERMAN MAYHEW, principal of the Lower School of the Morgan Park Military Academy, will be in charge of the commissary for the fifth season. This alone assures the best eats than can be had in any camp. Only the best food obtainable is served. The meals are served family style, with an adult officer in charge of each table. The menus are passed on by a graduate dietician.

Religious Activities

"A SCOUT is Reverent." Every day a short non-sectarian religious service will be held. The Scout Oath and Laws will be the topics for chapel. Protestant and Catholic chaplains will be in camp all of the time. Sunday religious services will consist of mass for the Catholic Scouts and a service for the Protestants.

Discipline

The Scout Oath and Law will be the law of the Camps.

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